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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, IT, AL  
SUBJECT: DISAPPEARING ALBANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER

REFS: A. NATO 4612; B. BELGRADE 4514; C. ROME 10774 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO THE MFA'S ALBANIAN DESK OFFICER, THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN ALBANIA HAS CABLED ROME THAT IT IS A GENERALLY ACCEPTED FACT IN TIRANA THAT DEFENSE MINISTER BEQIR BALLUKU HAS LOST HIS JOB. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THIS FACT FROM ALBANIAN SOURCES. ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, CURRENT CONJECTURE IN TIRANA ON BALLUKU'S OUSTER IS CENTERED ON THE LATTER'S REPORTED DESIRE TO IMPROVE ALBANIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE USSR.

2. IN PASSING, OUR SOURCE ALSO NOTED THAT ALITALIA HAS RESUMED WEEKLY AIR SERVICE TO TIRANA UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. ALITALIA HAS AGREED TO FLY THE  
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ROME-BARI-TIRANA ROUTE ON A PROVISIONAL THREE MONTH BASIS

AFTER WHICH THE QUESTION OF THIS SERVICE WILL BE REVIEWED.

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